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(b) The number of general scholarships allotted for Malabar were as follows :—

	Higher Elementary.	Secondary commencing in Form I.	Secondary commencing in Form IV.
1926–27	1	22	6
1927–28	1	22	6

Information on the other points is not available.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Is there any objection to those scholarships being awarded by areas ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I will consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

Medical

Working hours of the General Hospital, Madras.

* 1842 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the working hours of the in-patient department of the General Hospital were from 7 to 12 p.m. some years ago and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. now ;

(b) why this change was necessitated in the working hours of the in-patient department of the General Hospital, while in all other medical institutions, both in the City and outside, the morning working hours are from 7 a.m. to 12 noon ; and

(c) whether the Government have obtained expert opinion as to whether it is conducive to the well-being of the patients to be operated during the hot hours of the day especially in a tropical climate ?

A.—(a) & (b) The information has been called for.
(c) No.

Grievances of the nurses in the Madras General Hospital.

* 1843 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the long working hours, the prolonged night duty and other grievances of nurses in the Madras General Hospital referred to in the statement of Mr. Fenner Brockway in the papers ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action on the question raised in the statement ?

A.—(a) The Government have perused the statement referred to.

(b) The Government are having the points raised examined.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether these nurses are having long working hours in the day and long hours of night duty ? Are the Government aware of that ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I cannot exactly say."